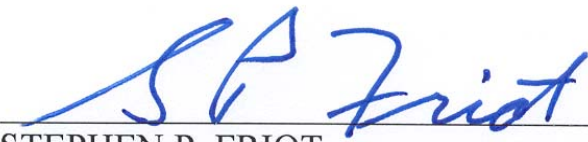


ADOPTED, and **AFFIRMED**. The decision of defendant, Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, is **REVERSED**, and this matter is **REMANDED** to the defendant for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of § 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Judgment shall issue forthwith.

DATED October 9, 2008.



STEPHEN P. FRIOT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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